GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY TO STUDENTS FOR HIGHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is considering subsidizing the interest component on loans given to students for higher professional courses during the moratorium period;

(b) If so, whether the Government is preparing a plan to the tune of Rs.4,000 crores;

(c) If so, the details thereof;

(d) Whether the Government is also planning to extend some concessions to families whose annual income is less than Rs.2.5 lakh; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D.PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e): A proposal to introduce a scheme for providing interest subsidy during the moratorium period on the educational loans taken by students having lower than a specified parental income, for pursuing professional education in India under the revised Model Educational Loan Scheme formulated by the Indian Banks'Association, is under consideration of the Government.A provision of Rs.4000 crore has been made in the XI Plan for this proposed scheme.